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Mr. W. Allan Dempsey, U. E.,
Box 181, Belleville, Ont.

Dear 'Cousin Hetcalie':

Your query to Dr. Preston re Durham-Dettler-Pemberton has been passed to me, I suppose, because Preston is a historian, not a genealogist.

Firstly, let us say that Withrow's Barbara book is loaded with inaccuracies, as well as fictional characters. Pemberton is not a Loyalist name. It does not appear in the Parish Register of St. George's, Kingston. Nor does it appear in Langford's Parish Register of St. John's, Bath, or of St. Paul's, Fredericksburgh. Neither is it found in McDowell's Register (Presbyterian). There is no application of one of this name in the Land Books of Ontario down to 1793. As far as I am concerned, the name is purely fictional insofar as it occurs in Withrow's book.

St. George's, Kingston, Parish Register--First baptism 15 July, 1776.

First marriage 29 Nov., 1782.

St. John's, Bath, Parish Register-----First marriage 25 Oct., 1787.

St. Paul's, Fredericksburgh, Register--- First marriage 9 March, 1793.

So, it is absurd for Withrow to say that the only clergyman in Ontario capable of marrying was John Stuart at St. George's.

William Fower, the first Methodist minister, came to Ontario in 1790. He brought Martin Durham in 1793. So, Durham could have been married in Bath or Fredericksburgh, if he had lived.

Conniff's Early Settlement of Upper Canada, page 292, reads: Durham retired from the ministry in 1810, having married into the Dettler family.

There is no Pemberton mentioned in the U. E. List nor in the List of Land Grants to Sons and Daughters of U. E. Among the children of Valentine Dettler is found the following:

Elizabeth Dettler, wife of Martin Durham, drew 200 acres of land by Order-in-Council, dated 6 July, 1797. Elizabeth, born 2 Mar, 1769; died 2 March, 1845. Durham died 13 Sept., 1825.

I hope that this information clears away your doubts. Let me add, before closing, that George W. Dettler's story and family chart lists Elizabeth as wife of Martin Durham, and adds a list of her children.

My best regards to yourself, the Doctor and family.

Yours sincerely,

N. C. Barleigh



